



Two views of Sonja's excellent finished "Faceless Monk"; her first carving project.

Presidents Report

Well the month sure has flown by.

What a start to my presidency to see the skill and creativity on display at our AGM - gives much to aspire to and keep working towards with the knowledge that there is so much skill and knowledge we can all lean into as need arises.

It is nice to give a warm welcome new members: Tony Blatchford and J. Mounsey. Also pleasing to see so much warm camaraderie as people return from operations, illnesses and other long absences.

The new Committee will be having its first meeting prior to the June Guild meeting at which point we should see approvals go through to purchase the new bandsaw.

As I previously noted full kudos to the Maintenance team for getting the Jet Bandsaw operational again after so long. The downside being that it took less than a week for someone to put a kink in the new blade that had been installed. Our maintenance budget won't go far if we have ongoing blade damage - so slow and steady use please - wood took years to grow - so don't be impatient when cutting it. The Maintenance Team will be putting up notes on each bandsaw explaining parameters to try to keep with in so everything continues to run smoothly.



As advised at the AGM a team is assessing the pros/cons costs/benefits of some form of solar power for the club. That work progresses, though if you do have a burning question please share with Phil Hansen. Better to know any concerns early so can be addressed as part of the evaluation

Regards: Paul Genton - President

Turners Update - June

June saw a couple of new members - Andrew and Tony-coming along more regularly to our Tuesday group. As they both have inherited old lathes and tools there has been some interesting discussions helping them sort things out so they can get going. That is one of the benefits of a club like ours - the freely shared knowledge and experience or alternatives to consider.

The diversity of what people are working on always gives you chance to learn something from what they are doing. This month we've seen people making spatulas, big tulips, goblets, wool bowls , a commemorative bowl from a large Douglas Fir burl alongside more regularly bowls



For a bit of friendly fun, rivalry and a chance to focus on specific skills we have reintroduced having a bi-monthly team challenge. This month saw us bring along goblets we had made. Scored by People choice under 3 sections - Form ; Functionality and Creativity.

Goblet (No. 7) by George Yardley lead the creativity section.

While Colin King was picked as best in Form & Functionality as



well as best overall with his lovely goblet (No. 13)

As you can see the range we had to pick from shows a wide range of creativity and endeavour.



And to finish up with as part of our monthly Turners Session Mike McCarthy took us through considerations for setting up a wedge board for cutting segments for segmented bowls and reminded us of key safety considerations for use of a table saw

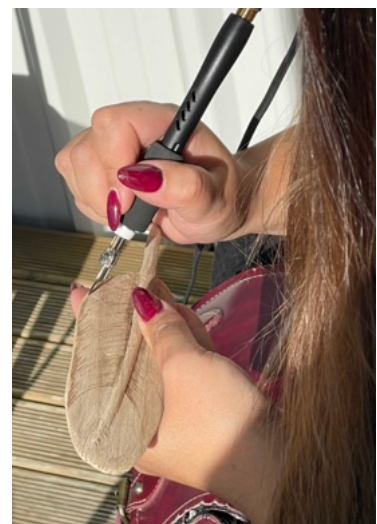
Looking ahead our next team challenge is to create a lidded box with finial. Box dimensions H between 75 mm - 150 mm. (excluding finial) Diameter between 75 mm - 150 mm. Can do up to 3 entries. Anyone in the club are welcome to participate with entries needing to be physically at our August Turners extended meeting - which starts 1pm on the first Tuesday of each month

Paul Glenton

Carvers Journey's in June

Birds and feathers both featured in the work being done by our Monday Carvers and the Saturday New Carving group members during June. Sonja's fossil & faceless monk, Roger's lizard, Phil's lacework, Frazer's Maori figure and Ken's Welsh dragon were off-piste.

We had three prospective new members come along to pour new carving group session on the first Saturday in June. Everyone was experimenting with different techniques to carve a bird's feather; using chisels, using power carving tools, and pyrography decoration. We plan to repeat this exercise at the July meeting and maybe add painting with acrylics to the options people can try for themselves. The objective was to get people trying and experimenting with the options and to think about how they could also apply these ideas to aspects of their other woodcrafting projects. We may expand the idea of doing this with carved feather shapes to tree leaves as well.





More Recent Project Work

Ken has recently completed a new 3D piece in wood, while Roy provided a very interesting review of the procedure he developed to craft a Dodecahedron. Paul showed off a new turning made from spalted timber that others had regarded as waste, while Derek explained the wood crafting process he followed to make his small turned basket. And finally Mike described his bandsawing procedures for making his 2-drawer jewellery boxes.



June Monthly Meeting News

Paul Glenton and our new committee had their first monthly meeting of the current term and reported back with the following key items.

1. We have welcomed four new members to the Guild; Tony Blatchford, Diane Johnson, Alex Kleiss & John Mounsey.
2. If you are unwell, please stay home. We don't need you to spread your cold, flu or Covid to the rest of us.
3. The blade on the recently repaired Jet bandsaw has only just been installed and already someone has used it incorrectly and the brand new blade has been bent.
4. If any member uses and damages equipment, please talk with the Group Coordinator about what has happened, so we can understand and try to address the issues such that it does not happen again.
5. If a member has never used a piece of equipment, or is unsure about using a piece of equipment, please ask for help. Experienced club members are there to help. **There is no shame in being unsure. Just ask Please!**
6. Would you also please include your name and date, whenever you write up a maintenance issue on the White Board for our maintenance team of Mark Bennett, Mike Buck and Lawson Worship to address. It sometimes helps if they can discuss the issue with you.
7. Our Jacobs Chuck has suffered catastrophic failure and is no longer available.
8. Leeanne is taking over the purchase of consumables (coffee, tea, paper towels etc.). The purchase of milk is still the responsibility of each group for their own meetings.
9. The Guild plans to move the tool board from its' present location to the toilet wall area.
10. The Plaque with 12 Carvings on the shelf on the shelf by the toilets will be moved; probably to the end wall of the meeting area, and then the safety equipment will be relocated.
11. During May and June, we have done some work and proposals have been obtained from several Solar installers in the Tauranga area to install solar PV cells with a DC to AC Inverter at the Workshop. The objective of this project being to reduce the Guild's electricity expenses, which represent our 3rd highest cost of operation. At the present time our annual bill for power in the workshop is around \$1,800 p.a. and we conservatively believe we can reduce this by approximately 2/3rds by installing a solar generation system. We have approached one grant funding provider, and also the Tauranga Council to assess whether they would support an initiative of this nature, and received positive feedback. An evaluation of the different bids has now been prepared for the Committee to review and after this the next step will be to formally submit a proposal to obtain Grant Funding.

JULY 2025 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Saturday Carvers	9.30am	5th
Turners	9.30am	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Thursday - Openworkshop	9.30am	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Scrollsaw	9.30am	2nd, 16th
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	12th, 26th
Guild	1.30pm	Saturday 19th

DUTY ROSTER

July	Open
August	Carvers
September	Turners
October	Scrollsaw

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